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January 10, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A, CASPIANA FIELD, Caddo
and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION CO. ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUB and for CV RA SUB at the locations shown on the attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), and of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A).
2. To find that each of the proposed additional alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SUB, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUB, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such units.
3. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

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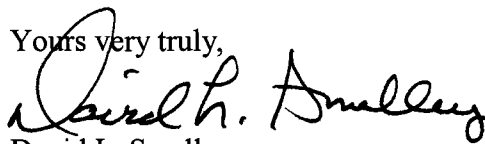
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the two (2) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the attached plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice.

Our check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Bass Enterprises Production Co.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Herrell Flynt (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties (w/plats only)

